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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows, and consider the remarks set forth below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 19,: Please rewrite "encrypting information derived" as -- deriving encrypted information--.

Page 6, line 1: Please rewrite "$(\log n)^{x}$" as --(log n)-- and delete ", where x < 1"

Page 8, line 30: Please rewrite "$CERT_{DM}$" -- OMC_{DM}--.

Page 9, line 1: Please rewrite "$CERT_{DM}$" -- OMC_{DM}--.

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